

Gilmore, Lewis

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On Wednesday, October 31st around 4 pm during our football practice, I noticed that Coach Ringo Adamson was conducting a full women's track practice around the track that encircles the football field. I thought this was odd because he asked at the beginning of the semester what times and days football practice was conducted so as to not interfere. I told him and the men's coach, Dustin Dimit, that we did not practice on Mondays and that we practice from 3:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I told both that their practices could overlap to about 3:45 pm but no later since we start the more physical parts of our practice and the trainers for safety issues need to be able to move around the perimeter of the field to include the track to provide coverage for all our players. This includes the trainers using their motorized vehicles.

I walked over to the edge of the field/track and motioned Coach Adamson to come over so we could discuss what was going on. I did not want to do it in front of any of the student-athletes. He reluctantly came over after I motioned to him several times. I asked why was he conducting a full practice at this time. He said he uses another facility normally but either lost or forgot the key to that facility. I told him it was a safety issue primarily for the trainers especially since we use the section just off the track by the sheds that can only be accessed by going over the track. He started saying it was not fair that they had to go somewhere else. I told him that was not my problem. He continued to complain about the situation. In my frustration since he was going to continue the practice, I walked away and loudly said it was not my problem. I had to get back to practice. When I spoke to him for this conversation I made sure to keep calm and faced mostly away from the student athletes.

As soon as I had the chance shortly after I notified the head athletic trainer for her and her staff to be cautious of the track athletes running around the track. I notified the Associate Athletic Director, Penny Kempf. -Jay Accorsi, Head Football Coach